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CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 190: Senator Joe Mazurek Senate District 23, of Helena, explained his bill would allow a licensed Montana brewer to sell at retail on their premises beer manufactured on the premises for consumption on their premises. He gave the committee some amendments they are proposing which would allow a brewery to have on its premises a Kospitality room and to be able to distribute samples of their beer. There would be no intention to sell beer on the premises he added. (EXHIBIT 5)

PROPONENTS: Dick Bourke, President of the Montana Beverages, Ltd. explained they feel this is a reasonable compromise with the tavern association to be able to have a hospitality room on the premises. Presently our law does not allow or disallow consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises but this would be a clarification. Bob Durkee, representing the Montana Tavern Association, endorsed the bill as amended. He read a letter from Roger Tippy, of the Montana Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, stating they have no objection to the bill as amended either. (EXHIBIT 6)

Questions from the committee were called for. Senator Goodover wondered if there was not a law already permitting this type of activity and Senator Mazurek was not aware of any but stated this was suggested by the Department of Revenue that one can consume on the premises of a brewery. Senator Mazurek then closed the hearing on Senate Bill 190.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 190: A short discussion of the amendments as proposed by Senator Mazurek. Senator Thayer then made a motion that the amendments as proposed DO PASS. Motin carried. Senator Goodover then moved that Senate Bill 190 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE COMMITTEE BILL: Mary McCue, Legislative Staff Attorney, stated in her research for a good faith bill for terminations for implement dealers they could just clarify existing law regarding farm implements, draft a law similar to what North Dakota has passed or draft a bill which encompasses all franchise dealerships and this would entail some lengthy study, or perhaps even an interim study. After discussion the committee felt the first method would be the most expedient.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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